What is claimed is:

1. An image recording apparatus comprising:

image acquisition means for obtaining image data sets;

classification selection means for carrying out

5 classification and/or selection on the image data sets; and

media recording means for recording the image data sets

that have been subjected to the classification and/or the

selection in a portable recording medium.

2. The image recording apparatus according to Claim 1,

10 wherein the classification selection means carries out the

classification on the image data sets according to either date

of photography thereof or similarity between images

represented by the image data sets.

3. The image recording apparatus according to Claim 1,

15 wherein the classification selection means carries out the

classification on the image data sets according to scene

characteristic thereof by analyzing the scene characteristic

including at least one of: colors of images represented by the

image data sets, density distribution therein, and a shape of

20 a subject therein.

4. The image recording apparatus according to Claim 1,

wherein the classification selection means carries out the

selection on the image data sets for selecting images

representing no blur and a person or persons whose eyes are

25 not closed.

5. The image recording apparatus according to Claim 1,

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wherein the classification selection means carries out the classification first in the case where the classification and the selection are carried out.

6.　The recording apparatus according to Claim 1,
5　wherein the classification selection means carries out the selection first in the case where the classification and.the selection are carried out.

7.　The image recording apparatus according to Claim 1 further comprising reception means for receiving an
10　instruction to carry out further classification and/or further selection on the image data sets that have been subjected to the classification and/or the selection and for carrying out the further classification and/or the further selection, wherein

15　　　the media recording means records in the recording medium the image data sets that have been subjected to the further classification and/or the further selection by the reception means.

8.　The image recording apparatus according to Claim 1,
20　wherein the media recording means records the image data sets that have been subjected to the classification and/or the selection in the recording medium in a format that enables display of a slide show.

9.　The image recording apparatus according to Claim 8,
25　wherein the media recording means records the image data sets in either a video CD format or a DVD video format in the

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recording medium.

10. The image recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the media recording means records in the recording medium the image data sets having been subjected to the

5　classification and/or the selection in a manner that enables printing thereof.

11. An image recording method comprising the steps of:

obtaining image data sets;

carrying out classification and/or selection on the

10　image data sets; and

recording the image data sets that have been subjected to the classification and/or the selection in a portable recording medium.

12. A program causing a computer to execute an image

15　recording method comprising the steps of:

obtaining image data sets;

carrying out classification and/or selection on the image data sets; and

recording the image data sets that have been subjected

20　to the classification and/or the selection in a portable recording medium.

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